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MANIPULATION OF ISD CALLS BY MTNL LINEMEN
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government are aware that the linemen of MTNL are arranging calls abroad at cheap rates through manipulation; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to stop such racket causing huge loss to Government revenue ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) If any such case is reported, the same is investigated thoroughly and appropriate action taken with the help of CBI/Police, wherever required. To safeguard the interest of the Government, certain preventive measures have been taken as under:

(i) The old technology exchanges are being phased out from the network by digital exchanges. The digital exchanges employ highly sophisticated signalling protocols which can not be simulated easily.

(ii) New technology Trunk Automatic Exchanges(TAX)have been installed which check the calling line identification and knock down the TAX call if it is directly originated from the junction.

(iii) As a preventive measure, night inspections of exchange rooms are being conducted by Senior Officers apart from officers of vigilance unit to check any abnormality.